

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

WHEAT HARVEST, 1931-32.

1/ The Government Statist respectfully reports having obtained and analysed over 300 General Reports from Police Officers covering practically all the Wheat Areas of the State.

The questions submitted and answered were

- a/ Probable yield per acre.
- b/ Effect of disabilities on crops.
- c/ Would further rain increase or decrease average given.

2/ These reports are mostly up to the 10th November.

3/ A strict interpretation of these reports gives an estimated wheat yield of just over 43,000,000 Bushels equal to 11 Bushels per acre. In view of the continued dry weather in some of the Divisions, probably this is overstated by 1,000,000 bushels.

4/ The next and final estimate before the collection of the actual harvesting results will be made about the middle of December. As is usual for this estimate, definite advice will be obtained from about 20% of the farmers in each District, which enables the Statist to issue an estimate which in the past has very closely approximated to the actual.

16th November, 1931.

GOVERNMENT STATIST, AC.